

St. Louis Catholic Church

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Office hours: Monday – Thursday 9 - 12 and 1- 4 p.m.
Summer hours (Canada Day to Labour Day): Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m.
*Rosary: Tuesday to Friday
before 9:00 a.m. Mass*

Sunday Masses:
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m.



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Welcome new members - Whether you are just passing through the area or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Louis Catholic Church. We hope you will find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering. Registration here at St. Louis is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. Parish registration simplifies the process with regard to sponsoring a sacramental candidate; obtaining pastoral references and for preparation of baptisms, weddings and funerals. Registration is easy and can be completed at the Parish Office during regular office hours. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church.

Parish Records - Our parish records are very important. We try to keep them up to date. Please advise the office of any changes.

Music in the Liturgy - Music plays an integral role in the liturgical life of the parish. Parishioners are invited to join our choirs. Please contact the choir directors:

- 9:30 Choir - Bob Reinhart (robertreinhart182@msn.com)
- 11:30 Choir - Donna McLellan (donna-ipad@hotmail.com)

Sunday programs for children - During the Sunday morning 9:30 a.m. Mass there is babysitting for children under 3 years of age, Sunday School for 3 to 6 years of age and Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages 7 and up.

Sacramental Life - St. Louis Parish celebrates the sacraments for its members who are registered and regularly attending. If you are not registered you are automatically a member of a parish closest to you.

Baptism - Celebrated once a month. Please speak with a priest after Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Saturdays 4 - 4:30 p.m., or by appointment.

Marriage - For registered and supporting members, please contact the parish office at least one year in advance of your date.

Becoming Catholic - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, preparing adults for baptism and/or to join the community. Please contact the office for further information.

Anointing and Pastoral Care - Our parish community cares about the sick and elderly and the lonely. Please notify the parish office to arrange for them to receive the Anointing of the Sick, or to have the Holy Communion brought to them.

Pastoral Care to those in Hospital - A family member is asked to contact the parish whenever a parishioner is in hospital and requests a pastoral visit, or Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing).

Priesthood and Religious Life - Is God calling you to religious life, as a Brother, Deacon or Priest? If so, please contact the Vocation Director for the Congregation of the Resurrection, at resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com or www.resurrectionists.ca

Diocesan Newsletter - For information about Activities and Events of interest in the Diocese of Hamilton, subscribe to the online Diocesan Newsletter at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Organizations and Contacts:

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS & EVENTS

Monday, June 24 – The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist - No Mass			
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
6:30 PM	Choir rehearsal		Church
Tuesday, June 25			
9:00 AM	† Barbara & Zygmunt Adamski – Malton Family		
9:30 AM	Book Group (last till September)		L. Hall
1:00 PM	Prayer Shawl Meeting		L. Hall
7:00 PM	Painting with Kelly		Nursery
Wednesday, June 26			
9:00 AM	† Fabienne & André Duval – Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Thursday, June 27			
9:00 AM	† Claire Lagure – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
Friday, June 28 – St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr			
9:00 AM	† Rosemary Peterson – Peterson Family		
9 AM – NOON	Pickle Ball		Gym
Saturday, June 29 – Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles			
Vigil of Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
5:00 PM	Intentions of Alena Rayman – Janet L'Abbe		
	† Suzanne Garneau – Rosemary & Shaun MacNeil		
Sunday, June 30 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
9:30 AM	Intentions of Alena Rayman – Janet L'Abbe		
	10:30 AM	Sunday Social	L. Hall
11:30 AM	People of St. Louis Parish		

Vacation Bible & Lego Robotics Camp 2024 – To Mars and Beyond – July 15-19. The camp will run all day. Campers have the choice of coming all day, or half a day. The morning will be focused on the space theme with faith intertwined through everything we do. The afternoon will be Lego Robotics, also with the space theme running throughout what they do. Ages for the all day camp are 7 to 11 years old. Children 5 to 6 years old are welcome to sign up for the mornings only. Registration is now open. Forms available from the Nursery, the back of the church, or contact Kelly Krause at the parish office.

SVDP North of 60 Canned Meat Project- Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut - During June, St. Louis parish will be collecting canned meat for the community of Chesterfield Inlet. These are used to supplement their fish and hunted meats. Brands they recognize are **Spam, Klik, and Holiday Luncheon Meat, Mario Corned Beef, Hereford Corned Beef, and Canned Swift, Mario and Maple Leaf brand Hams.** Our target is to collect 300 tins. Please place cans in the container located in the entrance of the Church. Thank you for your continued generosity to our SVDP conference and this special project.



Volunteers to distribute Holy Communion at St. Mary's Hospital once a month. We are looking for people who would be willing to join the St. Louis team. St. Louis would be responsible for one Sunday a month. Our team of volunteers rotate through sharing that one Sunday a month. St. Mary's is also looking for volunteers to distribute Holy Communion to those in the hospital Monday through Friday. If either of these options interests you, please call Kelly Krause at the parish office for more info. Kelly needs to get names to the coordinator before July 1st so please get in touch with her if you can help.



The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, as the Diocesan Marian Shrine, will be hosting the **Hamilton Diocesan Marian Days** on the First Saturdays from June through October. Next event – **July 6th**. The presider will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Schedule: 9 AM - Holy Hour & Confessions, 10:30 AM - Mass & Reflection on the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary, 11:30 AM - Rosary Procession, 12 PM - Tea & Coffee Available in the Parish Hall – You are welcome to bring your lunch. The Gift Shop will be open & tours of the Basilica will be available.

Young Adults Night - Saturday, July 6th – Hamilton - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 -7:30 PM), talk/tour in the church (7:30 PM - 7:45 PM), social with food (7:45 PM - 8:15 PM), praise night (8:15 PM - 9 PM), and Compline (9 PM) on Sat., July 6th at St. Catherine of Siena Church (620 Rymal Rd E., Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mass – Mark your calendars! All are invited to attend a special Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Sunday July 14, 2024 at the Carmel Monastery (1127 Carmel-Koch Rd., St. Agatha, Ontario, N0B 2L0). Please watch for further details.

Faith After Graduation - The Office of Youth Ministry has produced a resource for those graduating from grade 12. Please visit our webpage to access the brochure and the suggested resources to help you stay connected to the faith and your parish after graduating from your Catholic High School. <https://tinyurl.com/dohymresources>

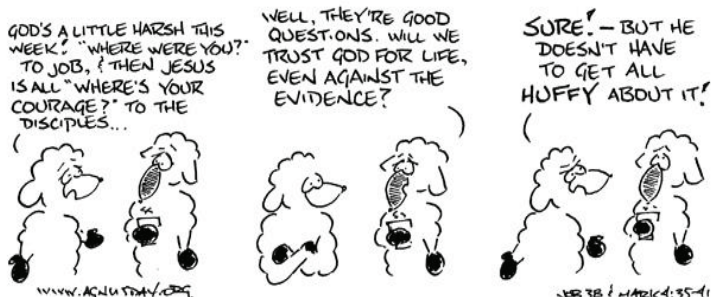
Reflection on the First Reading: Job 38:1-4, 8-11++

In the ancient world of which Israel was a part, people feared the chaos of water and the power of the storm. Like other nations, ancient Israel writers believed that only God was powerful enough to control such chaos. This conviction can be seen in today's readings.

The Book of Job ponders a dilemma faced by many people: why do the innocent suffer if God, who is all powerful and all compassionate, is the primary cause of everything? The basic story of Job is based on an ancient folk tale, yet Israel's version of it reveals important theological questions. The author includes conversations between Job and his friends, in which they dispute Job's innocence. Following it, is the conversation between the Lord and Job.

The Lord's response to Job speaks of power and divine presence, which cannot be matched by anything else. It is striking to note that from the beginning, Job's claim is dismissed as reflecting "words without knowledge." Calling to mind Genesis' account of creation, as well as the imagery in today's Psalm 107, we hear a series of questions that demonstrate God's omnipotence. In the face of these powerful acts of the Lord, Job will admit his powerlessness. While the text focuses on God's almighty nature, especially over water, it gives little evidence of God's compassion and justice, which is what we would have expected to hear in response to Job's particular quest for divine justice in the face of suffering. Instead, we are invited to focus on God's power over everything. (From Workbook for Lectors)

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Resurrectionist Vocation Minute - ...Our vocation is just like the disciple's journey in the boat. Jesus has invited you on a journey with Him – and yes, the point is to go across to the other side, to complete the course of your earthly life. But there is also something Jesus wants to show you on this journey. How have you come to know who Jesus is through past storms in your life? How about current ones? Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

Join Us for Dinner & Discernment at St. Mary's - Are you wondering about religious life, or priesthood? Are you looking to deepen your faith and understand your vocation? Join us at St. Mary's Parish in Kitchener every last Saturday of the month for Dinner & Discernment. Enjoy a meal, prayer, and conversations with fellow young men and Resurrectionists. Additional information can be found on the posters.

Saint John the Baptist's Story - Jesus called John the greatest of all those who had preceded Him: *"I tell you, among those born of women, no one is greater than John..."* But John would have agreed completely with what Jesus added: *"[Y]et the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he"* (Luke 7:28).

John spent his time in the desert, an ascetic. He began to announce the coming of the Kingdom, and to call everyone to a fundamental reformation of life. His purpose was to prepare the way for Jesus. His baptism, he said, was for repentance. But one would come who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John was not worthy even to untie His sandals. His attitude toward Jesus was: *"He must increase; I must decrease"* (John 3:30).

John was humbled to find among the crowd of sinners who came to be baptized the One whom he already knew to be the Messiah. *"I need to be baptized by you"* (Mt 3:14b). But Jesus insisted, *"Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness"* (Mt 3:15b). Jesus, true and humble human as well as eternal God, was eager to do what was required of any good Jew. Jesus thus publicly entered the community of those awaiting the Messiah. But making Himself part of that community, He made it truly messianic.

The greatness of John, his pivotal place in the history of salvation, is seen in the great emphasis Luke gives to the announcement of his birth and the event itself—both made prominently parallel to the same occurrences in the life of Jesus. John attracted countless people to the banks of the Jordan, and it occurred to some people that he might be the Messiah. But he constantly deferred to Jesus, even to sending away some of his followers to become the first disciples of Jesus.

Perhaps John's idea of the coming of the Kingdom of God was not being perfectly fulfilled in the public ministry of Jesus. For whatever reason, when he was in prison he sent his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah. Jesus' answer showed that the Messiah was to be a figure like that of the Suffering Servant in Isaiah. John himself would share in the pattern of messianic suffering, losing his life to the revenge of Herodias. (From franciscanmedia.org)



Saint Irenaeus' Story (c. 130 – c. 202) - The Church is fortunate that Irenaeus was involved in many of its controversies in the 2nd century. He was a student with great patience in investigating, tremendously protective of apostolic teaching, but prompted more by a desire to win over his opponents than to prove them in error.

As bishop of Lyons he was especially concerned with the Gnostics, who took their name from the Greek word for "knowledge." Claiming access to secret knowledge imparted by Jesus to only a few disciples, their teaching was attracting and confusing many Christians. After thoroughly investigating the various Gnostic sects and their

"secret," Irenaeus showed to what logical conclusions their tenets led. These he contrasted with the teaching of the apostles and the text of Holy Scripture, giving us, in five books, a system of theology of great importance to subsequent times. Moreover, his work, widely used and translated into Latin and Armenian, gradually ended the influence of the Gnostics.

The circumstances and details about his birth, early life in Asia Minor and death are not clear. However in 2022, Pope Francis named Saint Irenaeus a Doctor of the Church. (From franciscanmedia.org)

Saints Peter and Paul's Story –

Peter (d. 64?) St. Mark ends the first half of his Gospel with a triumphant climax. He has recorded doubt, misunderstanding, and the opposition of many to Jesus. Now Peter makes his great confession of faith: *"You are the Messiah"*. It was one of the many glorious moments in Peter's life, beginning with the day he was called from his nets to become a fisher of men for Jesus.



The NT clearly shows Peter as the leader of the apostles. With James and John he witnesses the Transfiguration, the raising of a dead child to life, and the agony in Gethsemane. His mother-in-law was cured by Jesus. He was sent with John to prepare for the last Passover before Jesus' death. His name is first on the list of apostles.

And to Peter only did Jesus say, *"Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in Heaven"*.

Peter shows his human weakness, even in the presence of Jesus. He generously gave up all things, yet he can ask in childish self-regard, *"What are we going to get for all this?"* He receives the full force of Christ's anger when he objects to the idea of a suffering Messiah: *"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do"*.

Peter accepts Jesus' doctrine of forgiveness, but suggests a limit of seven times. He walks on the water in faith, but sinks in doubt. He refuses to let Jesus wash his feet, then wants his whole body cleansed. He swears that he will never deny Jesus, and then he does deny. He loyally resists the first attempt to arrest Jesus, but in the end he runs away with the others. In the depth of his sorrow, Jesus looks on him and forgives him, and he goes out and sheds bitter tears. The Risen Jesus told Peter to feed His lambs and sheep (Jn 21:15-17).

Paul (d. 64?) had been the most pharisaic of Pharisees, the most legalistic of Mosaic lawyers. And then he suddenly appears to other Jews as a heretical welcomer of Gentiles, a traitor and apostate. Paul's central conviction was simple and absolute: Only God can save humanity. No human effort—even the most scrupulous observance of law—can create a human good which we can bring to God as reparation for sin and payment for grace. To be saved from itself, from sin, from the devil, and from death, humanity must open itself completely to the saving power of Jesus.

Paul never lost his love for his Jewish family, though he carried on a lifelong debate with them about the uselessness of the Law without Christ. He reminded the Gentiles that they were grafted on the parent stock of the Jews, who were still God's chosen people, the children of the promise. (From franciscanmedia.org)

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